

USAGM FY2018 FOIA LOG

FOIA NUMBER	RECEIVED DATE	REQUESTER	ORGANIZATION (IF PROVIDED BY REQUESTER)	REQUEST DESCRIPTION	RESPONSE
FOIA18-060	10/01/18	Mary Motta		A copy of the Complaint filed in Spring 2016 against Mary Motta and other parties by Luis Ramirez in the Voice of America's London office.	-02/21/19 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-059	09/28/18	Daniel A. Robinson	BBG Watch	<p>A copy of communications sent using government and private accounts among (1) BBG, (2) IBB, (3) VOA, and (4) other officials to former Obama administration officials and any private persons not employed by the Agency regarding the recruitment of Andy Lack for the position of BBG's CEO prior to, during and after Lack's BBG employment tenure. These documents should also include communications among Jeff Shell, other current or former board members and Lack, along with any records sent by Lack to Agency officials.</p> <p>Additionally, a copy of communications sent on government and private accounts among any Agency official (including "then" and "currently" serving BBG board members) pertaining to BBG Chairman Jeff Shell's travel to Moscow in 2016, and records of any telephonic conversations or meetings prior, during, and after Jeff Shell's travel to Moscow.</p>	-10/26/18 remitted to the requester
FOIA18-058	09/25/18	Austin Evers	American Oversight	An electronic copy of all records containing any of the 6 listed terms from January 20, 2017 until the search date and reflecting communications of political appointees. Additionally, all records describing the collection process for retrieving responsive documents, and records prepared in connection with processing the request.	-02/06/19 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)

FOIA18-057	09/25/18	Austin Evers	American Oversight	An electronic copy of all records containing any of the 17 listed terms from January 20, 2017 until the search date and reflecting communications of political appointees. Additionally, all records describing the collection process for retrieving responsive documents, and records prepared in connection with processing the request.	-09/28/18 remitted to the requester; (09/27/18 date of the document)
FOIA18-056	09/17/18	Joshua Kurlantzick	Council on Foreign Relations	A copy of all Analytical Reports between 01/01/16 and 09/10/18 which examines the competitive landscape in the following countries: China, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, South Korea, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia, Malaysia, and Laos.	-11/26/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-055	09/17/18	Joshua Kurlantzick	Council on Foreign Relations	A copy of all reports produced after the July 25, 2018 meeting convened by BBG's Office of Policy & Research to examine China's disinformation strategies, the Voice of China, and ways to counter China's state media efforts.	-11/02/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-054	09/13/18	Danielle McLean	Think Progress	An electronic copy of all documents regarding the contract between BBG and Chaise Management Group LLC in the amount of \$41,718 (Award ID 95170018K0687; Parent Award ID BBG50A170015; and DUNS No. 078801273), including but not limited to, the physical contract, all bid documents, and receipts.	-10/19/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-053	09/13/18	Colin Lecher	The Verge	A digital copy of any reports, presentations, e-mails, meeting notes, or other documentation regarding the strategic effort in the Office of Cuba Broadcasting to establish island digital teams for creating non-branded local Facebook accounts to disseminate information with similar strategy planned for other social media platforms.	-10/19/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-052	09/13/18	Joshua Kurlantzick	Council on Foreign Relations	A copy of all reports from BBG's Office of Policy & Research analyzing the audience share in any countries of CGTN, CCTV, and/or Xinhua from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.	-02/07/19 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)

FOIA18-051	09/13/18	Joshua Kurlantzick	Council on Foreign Relations	A copy of all reports from BBG's Office of Policy & Research comparing any aspect of CCTV, CGTN, and/or Xinhua to U.S. funded media outlets from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.	-02/07/19 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-050	09/11/18	Bill Thomas		An electronic copy of RFP/RFQ solicitation document listed under Complex Commercial SATCOM Solutions (CS3) – GSA, award ID 95-1700-18-F-0909 effective date 08/01/2019.	-10/19/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-049	09/06/18	Daniel A. Robinson		A copy of the following information regarding the event entitled, "The Evolution of U.S. Global Media": a. Name, room number, and seating capacity for the event; b. List of invitees for the event; and c. Invitees who RSVP for the event.	-10/19/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-048	09/04/18	Joshua Kurlantzick	Council on Foreign Relations	A copy of all reports written for the Broadcasting Board of Governors' Office of Policy & Research by Shanthi Kalathil for the time period between 08/01/17 and 08/21/18.	-10/05/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-047	09/04/18	Joshua Kurlantzick	Council on Foreign Relations	All surveys and other research on user preferences and demographics of people accessing U.S. funded broadcasters and other broadcasters which were presented to a panel or conference convened on 07/25/18 by the Broadcasting Board of Governors' Office of Policy & Research to examine China's disinformation strategies, the Voice of China, and ways to counter China's state media efforts.	-11/26/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-046	09/04/18	Joshua Kurlantzick	Council on Foreign Relations	A copy of all minutes, notes, summaries, memoranda from a panel held on 07/25/18 convened by the Broadcasting Board of Governors' Office of Policy & Research to examine China's disinformation strategies, the Voice of China, and ways to counter China's state media efforts.	-11/02/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)

FOIA18-045	09/04/18	Joshua Kurlantzick	Council on Foreign Relations	A copy of all reports, cables, notes, and any other writings containing the phrase "Voice of China" from the Office of Policy and Research for the time period between 01/01/18 and 08/21/18.	-11/15/18 remitted to the requester
FOIA18-044	09/04/18	Joshua Kurlantzick	Council on Foreign Relations	A copy of all "Mandarin Swap Reports" on various markets, examining what media outlets that Mandarin Chinese people are listening to or watching between 01/01/18 and 08/21/18 from the Broadcasting Board of Governors' Office of Policy & Research.	-10/19/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-043	08/13/18	Bill Thomas		An electronic copy of RFP/RFQ solicitation document listed under Complex Commercial SATCOM Solutions (CS3) - GSA, award ID 95-1700-18-F-0908 effective date 08/01/2018.	-10/12/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-042	08/13/18	Jennifer Grygiel	Syracuse University	Copies or inspection of public records regarding Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's (RFE/RL) Facebook page advertisements. Specifically, information on whether two RFE/RL Facebook posts, i.e., "RFE/RE November 8, 2016" and "RFE/RE September 24, 2016" were promoted with Facebook ads to any states in the U.S., and if so provide the amount of monies spent along with the number of persons reached.	-11/26/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-041	08/03/18	Department of State - OIG Referral (Cori Cohen, Esq.)	Law Offices of Gary M. Gilbert & Associates	A copy of records pertaining to the investigation of an allegation of retaliation submitted by Cori Cohen Esq.'s client, Manfred Hanspeter.	-08/03/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-040	08/02/18	Douglas Bregman	Bregman et al. LLC	A copy of filmed and/or unedited footage taken by Voice of America (VOA) or any other BBG entity on March 31, 2016 related to the Brookings assaults.	-10/26/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)

FOIA18-039	07/31/18	Humberto Nascimento		The amount paid to TIMA London by Alhurra TV for the live broadcasts at TIMA studios and from the streets as well as for news packages. Moreover, a copy of the fees paid for the number of live broadcasts and news packages, including specification of equipment, crew and editing cost, from March 1, 2018 until July 31, 2018.	-08/03/18 remitted to the requester; (08/02/18 date of the document) (CLOSED)
FOIA18-038	07/05/18	Department of State - OIG Referral (Cori Cohen, Esq.)	Law Offices of Gary M. Gilbert & Associates	A copy of information concerning your (Cori Cohen, Esq.) client, Manfred Hanspeter.	-07/13/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-037	07/06/18	Kevin Collier	BuzzFeed	A copy of any Freedom of Information Act responses sent to Collin Anderson.	-07/10/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-036	07/06/18	Kevin Collier	BuzzFeed	A copy of any agency memo, report, or list that mentions Iranian cyber warfare.	-07/12/18 remitted to the requester; (07/10/18 date of the document) (CLOSED)
FOIA18-035	07/06/18	Kevin Collier	BuzzFeed	A copy of every contact BBG had with US-CERT from June 1, 2014 until the process date of this request.	-07/12/18 remitted to the requester; (07/10/18 date of the document) (CLOSED)
FOIA18-034	06/25/18	Lamese Shnewer		A copy of any and all documents, including electronic records, relating to the alleged 2007 conspiracy to target the U.S. army base at Fort Dix.	-07/06/18 remitted to the requester; (06/30/18 date of the document) (CLOSED)
FOIA18-033	06/12/18	Gabriel Sandoval	ProPublica	A copy in electronic format of all calendars for Vincent Trovato between September 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.	-07/27/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)

FOIA18-032	06/11/18	Douglas Bregman	Bregman et al. LLC	A copy of any videotape or filmed raw and unedited footage taken by Voice of America (VOA) or any other BBG entity on May 16, 2017 related to incidents prior, during and after the protest of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government and policies, along with Mr. Erdogan's activities before, throughout and following the protest clashes.	-07/13/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-031	05/18/18	Gabriel Sandoval	ProPublica	<p>A copy in electronic format of any e-mails containing listed terms sent or received by Jeffrey Shapiro from June 1, 2017 until the date this request is fulfilled.</p> <p><u>Narrowing the Request (08/10/18)</u></p> <p>Copies of any e-mails, containing listed terms, sent or received by Jeffrey Shapiro, a senior advisor at BBG, from 06/01/17 until the date this request is fulfilled.</p>	-06/01/18 remitted to the requester
FOIA18-030	05/18/18	Gabriel Sandoval	ProPublica	A copy in electronic format of any e-mails containing listed terms sent or received by Matthew Ciepielowski from January 23, 2017 until the date this request is fulfilled.	-07/12/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-029	05/30/18	Gabriel Sandoval	ProPublica	<p>A copy in electronic format of any e-mails containing listed terms sent or received by Matthew Schuck from January 23, 2017 until the date this request is fulfilled.</p> <p><u>Narrowing the Request (08/10/18)</u></p> <p>Copies of any e-mails, containing listed terms, sent or received by Matthew Schuck, a special communications advisor at BBG, from 01/23/17 until the date this request is fulfilled.</p>	-06/01/18 remitted to the requester
FOIA18-028	05/29/18	Emma Best		An electronic copy of all e-mails containing the terms "MuckRock," "Muck Rock," or "MuckRock.com," excluding e-mails sent to or from a MuckRock.com e-mail address.	-06/13/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)

FOIA18-027	05/25/18	Bill Thomas		An electronic copy of RFP/RFQ solicitation awarded to GlobeComm Systems, Inc. with vendor reference ID 47QTCE18D0001 and released under Complex Commercial SATCOM Solutions (CS3) – GSA effective April 2, 2018.	-06/22/18 remitted to the requester; (06/21/18 date of the document) (CLOSED)
FOIA18-026	05/18/18	Gabriel Sandoval	ProPublica	<p>A copy in electronic format of any e-mails containing listed terms sent or received by Vincent Trovato from September 20, 2017 until the date this request is fulfilled. Additionally, any e-mails exchanged between BBG employees and e-mail addresses ending in "@cambridgeanalytica.org" or "@scigroup.cc."</p> <p><u>Narrowing the Request (08/10/18)</u></p> <p>Copies of any e-mails, containing listed terms, sent or received by Vincent Trovato, a special advisor of strategy at BBG, from 09/20/17 until the date this request is fulfilled.</p>	-05/25/18 remitted to the requester; (05/23/18 date of the document)
FOIA18-025	05/03/18	LeAnne Funk	Federal Employees Benefit Association	An electronic copy of a current list of all BBG employees, including the following categories: (1) employee's full name; (2) agency's name and location; (3) employee's work e-mail address; and (4) employee's job title and salary.	-07/09/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-024	05/14/18	BaKhtawar Shah et al.		A copy of the Position of INT Broadcaster (Multimedia) (Pashto) – DE-10137129-18-LM, Deewa Service with South and Central Asia Division.	-06/27/18 given in person to the requester; (06/26/18 date of the document) (CLOSED)

FOIA18-023	04/30/18	Ryan Noah Shapiro	Property of the People	A copy of the resumes and position descriptions for Jeffrey Shapiro, Vincent Trovato, Matthew Ciepielowski, and Matthew Schuck.	-05/25/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-022	04/26/18	Rebecca Gibson		A copy of all documents related to the sales, marketing, or provision of Microsoft Intune and Microsoft Azure cloud computing services and products to BBG, including but not limited to contracts, agreements, term sheets, purchase orders, correspondence, and invoices.	-05/24/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-021	04/17/18	Eric Freedman	Michigan State University	A copy of BBG's full Impact Model (12 code and 28 optional quantitative and qualitative indicators), Impact Model Reports on individual VOA and RFE/RL services, and Reports by outside evaluators of individual VOA and RFE/RL services.	-07/30/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-020	04/13/18	Thomas Blanton	The National Security Archive	A copy of administrative processing records for FOIA17-046, which request sought a copy of all e-mails received by BBG between January 20, 2017 and April 28, 2017 from any Republican National Committee domain, including but not limited to e-mails from www.rnchq.org .	-05/24/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-019	03/27/18	Department of State - OIG Referral (Cori Cohen, Esq.)	Law Offices of Gary M. Gilbert & Associates	Referral (U.S. State Department – OIG) OIG enclosing 84 pages of responsive documents for review and direct response to the requester.	-05/25/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-018	03/23/18	Bradley Moss	James Madison Project	An electronic copy of BBG records from January 20, 2017 until the search commences for this request, including cross-references and verbal communications memorialized in writing, between or among the following:	-03/29/18 remitted to the requester

FOIA18-017	03/13/18	Beryl Lipton	MuckRock News	<p>1. BBG's officials and other U.S. Government officials discussing a basis or bases for John Lansing's removal as BBG's CEO;</p> <p>2. Andre' Mendes and other U.S. Government officials regarding the prospect of Mendes becoming BBG's CEO as well as justification for removing John Lansing from BBG CEO's position;</p> <p>3. BBG's officials and other U.S. Government officials addressing how to respond to media & Congressional inquiries about the whistleblower's claims raised by Congressional Engel's letter.</p> <p>Furthermore, any memoranda from BBG's officials for consideration in the context of seeking the removal of John Lansing as BBG's CEO.</p>	
				<p>An electronic copy of all talking points and similar memoranda, e-mails, and transcripts from November 8, 2016 through March 13, 2018 that provide advice or direction on handling the media, media interviews, and statements. Moreover, the subject lines of these documents should contain phrases such as "talking points," "STMT," "statement," or "press strategy." Additionally, a copy of all materials related to agency employees which were produced and received by any representative in the Agency's Office of Public Affairs, including all employees' e-mails with the same aforementioned phrases. Finally, a description of the necessary offices, search process, and an estimate of time and search fees to be incurred if other offices not noted in this request are needed to retrieve the responsive documents.</p>	<p>-07/30/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)</p>

FOIA18-016	02/23/18	Steve Reilly	USA Today	A copy of the Agency Reform Plan submitted in approximately September 2017 to the Office of Management & Budget in accordance with OMB Memorandum 17-22.	-03/20/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-015	02/16/18	Kimberly Warren	DiscoverOrg	Copies of the organizational charts for BBG's Chief Information Officer, including the names and titles/departments of persons reporting to the officer. Additionally, the organizational charts should contain direct reports of the people assigned to the Chief Information Officer along with their business addresses, direct business telephone numbers, and business e-mail addresses.	-06/17/18 remitted to the requester via e-mail (CLOSED)
FOIA18-014	01/29/18	James Griffiths	CNN International	An electronic copy of procurement documents, Board of Governors' records, and internal communications regarding the decision to fund FreeGate Co. and UltraReach/UltraSurf Co., including information about the software produced and its effectiveness, and any data provided by the two companies on user numbers, costs, and other information since 2006.	-02/27/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-013	01/29/18	John Greenewald Jr.	The Black Vault	An electronic copy of the FOIA Case, Appeal, and Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) Logs for the calendar year of 2017. Additionally, these logs should include the following: case number, date submitted, date closed, requester's name, subject of the request, and amount of pages released and withheld.	-02/08/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)

FOIA18-012	01/26/18	Nora Gamez Torres	Miami Herald	Copies of and access to the Radio Marti Program Handbook of Broadcast Operations and the Office of Cuban Broadcasting financial statements for the calendar years of 2016 and 2017.	-06/18/18 remitted to the requester; (06/17/18 date of the document) (CLOSED)
FOIA18-011	01/26/18	Nora Gamez Torres	Miami Herald	Copies of and access to the monthly reports sent by the Office of Cuban Broadcasting (Radio and TV Marti and Martinoticias.com) to BBG for the calendar years of 2016 and 2017.	-06/18/18 remitted to the requester; (06/17/18 date of the document) (CLOSED)
FOIA18-010	01/23/18	Department of State - OIG Referral (Cori Cohen, Esq.)	Law Offices of Gary M. Gilbert & Associates	Referral (U.S. State Department – OIG) OIG enclosing 75 pages of responsive documents for review and direct response to the requester.	-02/08/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-009	01/05/18	Russ Kick		An electronic copy of BBG's 2017 FOIA Request Log, including the subject of each request and the request's final disposition.	-01/12/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-008	10/31/17	Yasha Levine	Pando Daily	Copies of the following documents from 01/01/2001 through 10/31/2017: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence between BBG's representatives and e-mail accounts ending with "@viettan.org"; Correspondence containing the terms "viet tan" or "viettan"; and Correspondence with "Do Hoang Diem," "Don Le," "Trinh Nguyen" or e-mails mentioning the aforementioned names. 	-06/18/18 remitted to the requester; (06/17/18 date of the document) (CLOSED)

FOIA18-007	10/26/17	Sarah Emerson	Motherboard	An electronic copy of any contractual documents including purchase and delivery orders, bids, quotes, RFPs, responses to RFPs, MOUs, invoices, post-signing Amendments, addenda, new/late Statement(s) of Work, Change Order(s), and other documents supplementing or amending the original contract between Stack Technologies, Inc. and BBG.	-11/16/17 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-006	10/26/17	Natalie Heinitz	DCCC	Copies of and access to all records of correspondence to or from any officials at BBG and Rep. Edward Royce or any individuals acting on behalf of Rep. Edward Royce between January 1, 1993 thru October 26, 2017. Additionally, copies of and access to all correspondence to or from any officials at BBG and any staff members on the House Foreign Affairs Committee from January 1, 1993 thru October 26, 2017.	-12/21/18 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-005	10/23/17	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy, in electronic or digital format, of both the 2016 Federal Employment Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) Agency Management Report along with the 2016 FEVS Trend Report for BBG.	-10/26/17 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-004	10/20/17	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy, in electronic or digital format, of the Radio Marti Program Handbook of Broadcast Operations.	-11/09/17 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-003	10/20/17	Haley Parker	Mohini Munroe	A copy of the following records: 1. A list of all types of alternative asset investments, including private equity, venture capital, distressed debt, mezzanine, fund of funds, infrastructure,	-10/26/17 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)

					<p>natural resources, real estate and private debt partnerships in which BBG is an investor; and</p> <p>2. Any alternative assets investment records for each partnership that show</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. BBG's total commitment to the partnership; b. the total contributions made by BBG to the partnership to date; c. the total distributions received by BBG from the partnership to date; d. the estimated current value of BBG's holding in the partnership; and e. any available estimates of the IRR earned by BBG to date on its investment in the partnership. 	
FOIA18-002	10/17/17	Eric Lichtblau			<p>Copies of all records, including but not limited to personnel records, security files, research papers, and engineering reports related to Frederick Mayer, a deceased (on April 15, 2016) former VOA logistics engineer from 1945 through 1980s in Africa, Europe, and Washington agency offices, and "elsewhere."</p>	-11/02/17 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)
FOIA18-001	10/17/17	Michael Ravnitzky			<p>A copy, in electronic or digital format, of the meeting minutes for the Advisory Board on Radio Broadcasting to Cuba during the 2013 calendar year until present.</p>	-10/20/17 remitted to the requester (CLOSED)